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Taken altogether, wrote a home paper at the commencement of this month, the working during the past year of the Peninsular and Oriental Company was attended with quite satisfactory results, unfavourable features being, as usual, offset by improvement in other directions. As regards the Eastern trade, large fleets of ships were laid up in British ports a year ago, the idle tonnage at Bombay and Calcutta being then unprecedented, but, so far as Eastern ports are concerned, this state of things is now changed, chiefly owing to the absorption of a very large tonnage recently employed in the export of cargoes of beans from Manchuria. Whether this new business will prove a permanent factor remains to be seen, but the result is that Eastern freights have risen to a moderate extent for the first time for two or three years, and, having taken place since the accounts were closed, should benefit next year's result. Therefore, in view of the continued depression in Eastern freights up to the end of the financial year, it is very satisfactory to find that the freight revenue of £1,518,818 was within £1,263 up to the level of the previous year.

Adverse factors have been that exports of frozen produce from Australia have been almost a negligible quantity, business with Bombay and Calcutta remained poor, China and Japan receipts were less, and the movement of specie was smaller. On the other hand, there were better outward freights to Australia, a larger silk export from China and a busy export of cotton and twist from Bombay to China and Japan. Another good point is an increase of £63,217 in passenger traffic, though this is, to a certain extent, only ostensible, because the accumulation of return passages out standing is greater than in any previous year.

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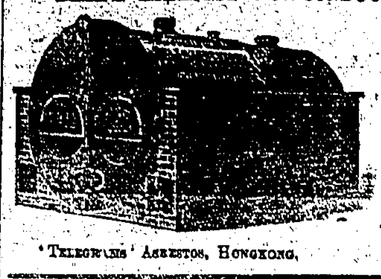
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OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

LONDON, December 1.

London has been full of the Peers for the past week, and their servants have been overheard in public places commenting on the fact that they have been brought to London in the hunting season for the first time for years.

Down in Portsmouth there is to be no bye-election after all, so all the cheering of Lord Charles Beresford will be lost for the present. I may mention that one of the Conservative posters used there was one depicting cargoes of Oriental porkers being unloaded at the docks and there was a big line underneath "Every vote given to the Liberals is a vote for Chinese pork" but the placard apparently gave offence in some Conservative quarters, so it was withdrawn.

Among the men who will have to fight hard for their seats at the general election is Mr Harry Brodie who last week married Sir Robert Hart's daughter. He is a popular man, however, who believes in constant spade work in his constituency, so with the aid of his new matrimonial supporter he may yet falsify the prediction of one of the leading Conservative papers the other day that the Opposition would be sure to turn him out.

The new German Navy Estimates are pretty much what they were expected to be, although the inclination in some quarters is to magnify the increase they show. Personnel, stores, and maintenance of ships and dockyards can easily absorb a lot of money, especially if the estimating is for growing demands. The larger recurring and nonrecurring expenditure may not, however, be as great as it seems to be, because all the comparisons are with last year's main Estimates, plus the Supplementary Estimates. But the greater provision for gunnery practice reflects a disposition on the part of Germany to follow the English example in the matter of training. There is very likely a large increase here, though the gross increase does not show it. The addition of £690,000 in the non-recurring expenditure is obviously due to the greater headway now possible in naval constructions. It is suggested that the increase is explained by the greater size of capital ships, but I think the explanation I have received from a reliable source is better. The Estimates cover the final instalments of the prices of the Rheinland, the Posen, and the Vonder Tann; third instalments for the Ostfriesland, Heligoland, Thueringen and G; second instalments for the four armoured ships laid down this year, and first instalments for the four to be laid down next year. On dock works at Wilhelmshaven, Kiel, and Heligoland considerable sums are to be spent, but in no case is the proposed expenditure greater than it was expected to be.

The fact of most importance to Englishmen in the Estimates is that the Germans are to lay down four armoured ships a year. From 1911 onward to 1917 the existing provision is for only two armoured ships a year; but, this rate of construction will almost certainly be exceeded. However, the fact that Germany will definitely lay down four ships next year is made the basis by the "wild men" on this side of the North Sea of an argument in favour of the laying down of eight British ships next year. The view of reasonable men is that six will suffice. There is a feeling, however, that apart from the Australian and New Zealand armored cruisers, there will be none. Consequently the "wild men" are emphasising the British need of capital ships by suggesting that the Minas Geraes and her sisters now being constructed may not be for Brazil at all, but for Germany. The view is also expressed that the British Government ought not to allow the contracts for the Argentine ships to go to Germany. How it can prevent the Argentine people placing their orders where they choose is not easy to see.

It is understood in official quarters that the British Government has provisionally approved the building, both at Chatham and Portsmouth, of works for the rolling of armour plates. The idea was first suggested about twelve months ago, but its execution was postponed for financial and other reasons. Even now there is a division of opinion upon the subject among the higher officials at the Admiralty, it being contended that the scheme, if carried out, would prove unfair to contractors, while offering little, if any, advantage on the score of either efficiency or economy.

Now that the season of unemployment has begun it is interesting to note what progress the British Government has made with the new Labour Exchanges Act, which provides a system of exchanges in every town in the country, so that if there is a surplus of work in one town a man may get employment by being sent on elsewhere. At the Labour Department of the Board of Trade I am informed that at present the Board are occupied with the tremendous task of sorting out and determining the various posts connected with the work, for which there have already been over 13,000 applicants. It is hoped to have a certain number of exchanges in working order by the end of the year. They have appointed one woman to be in charge of each of the first-class exchanges in order to deal solely with women's work.

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That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered

1. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII a new paragraph as follows:—

5. Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several classes of shares all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified altered subdivided re-arranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the members of the Class provided such agreement shall before the Special Resolution is passed be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Class and it shall be no objection to any such Agreement that it provides for a reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a dividend or bonus otherwise than in accordance with the rights of the Holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction or part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of this Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which Notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution has been duly given and so that the quorum of any such Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the Meeting shall be called in accordance with the provisions hereof.

2. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clause XVI a new paragraph as follows:—

Payment of Dividends otherwise than in Cash.

8. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend may direct payment of such Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debenture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such moneys and the General Managers shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Managers. Where requisite a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies' Act 1900, and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 21st day of December, 1909.

By Order,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

1567

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Also, Best Swatow Pewter-ware.
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Hongkong, November 27, 1909. 1498

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Agents for Hong-Kong: SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, June 25, 1909. 831

FRIDAY,

PHILHARMONIC CONCERT

Jan. 7th.

Booking at ROBINSON PIANO Co., Ld.

Hongkong, December 18, 1909. 1578

NOTICE.

I HAVE REMOVED my Office to No. 4, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL formerly occupied by Messrs McGregor Bros & Gow.

A. BUNE.

Hongkong, December 27, 1909. 1605

NOTICE.

IN terms of Government Notification No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, the following days will be observed as BANK HOLIDAYS:—

SATURDAY ..... 1st January.
MONDAY ..... 3rd ,,

Hongkong, December 20, 1909. 1584

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

XMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN terms of Government Notification No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of Pubic Business on the following days:—

SATURDAY, the 1st January,
MONDAY, the 3rd January.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 21, 1909. 1590

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

XMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN terms of Government Notification No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on the following days:—

SATURDAY, the 1st January,
MONDAY, the 3rd January.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 21, 1909. 1591

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ALL KINDS OF SILK OF THE BEST QUALITY.
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Hongkong, November 13, 1909. 1417

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Hand-made Drawn Work, Embroidery, Chinese Linen, Grass Cloth, Pewter Ware, etc.
ALL OF THE BEST QUALITY.
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Hongkong, August 10, 1909. 1005

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Hongkong October 12, 1909. 1383

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Hongkong, November 1, 1909. 1532

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TELEPHONE No. 33.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1907, £18,114,624.

I.—Authorised Capital £5,000,000
Subscribed Capital £2,750,000
Paid-up Capital £687,500 0 0
II.—Fire Funds 2,265,576 15 1
III.—Life & Annuity Funds 14,815,342 10 3
Sinking Fund Account 45,907 5 8
£18,114,324 11 12
Revenue Fire Branch..... 2,220,552 13 1
Life & Annuity Branches..... 7,547,324 13
Sinking Fund Account 5,321 5 0
£4,128,198 15 11

The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and Life Departments are kept quite distinct from those of each other.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, December 23rd, 1909.
At 100 cents per Dollar Exchange.

Butcher Meat.

		cts.
Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mai Lung Ngau	lb	20
,, Corned Ham Ngau Yuk	,,	20
,, Roast,—Shiu ,, ,,	,,	20
,, Breast,—Ngau Lam ,,	,,	18
,, Soup,—Tong Yuk	,,	15
,, Steak,—Ngan Yuk Pa	,,	20
,, ,, Cutom Ngau Lan Shiu	,,	3
,, Sausages,—Ngau Chang	,,	25
Bullock's Brains,—Slow	per set	10
,, Tongue fresh,—Ngau Sl	each	30
,, ,, corned—Ham Ngan Fi	,,	60
,, Head,—Ngau Tau	,,	80
,, Heart,—Ngau Sam	lb	15
,, Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	,,	15
,, Feet,—Ngau Kerk	each	8
,, Kidneys,—Ngau Yiu	,,	10
,, Tail—Ngau Mei	,,	15
,, Liver,—Ngau Con	lb.	12
,, Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	,,	6
alves Head & Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-kuk	set	$1.00
Mutton Chop,—Yeung Pai Kwat	lb.	22
,, Leg,—Yeung Pei	,,	22
,, Shoulder,—Yeung Shau	,,	20
Pigs' Chitlings—Chi chong	,,	22
,, Brains—Chi Know	per set	2
,, Feet,—Ch Kerk	,,	12
,, Fry,—Chi Chak	,,	25
,, Head:—Chi Tau	,,	12
,, Heart,—Chi Sam	each	9
,, Kidneys,—Chi Yiu	,,	8
,, Liver,—Chi Con	lb.	30
Pork. Chop,—Chi Pai Kwat	,,	21
,, Corned,—Ham Chu Yuk	,,	—
,, Leg,—Chu Pei	,,	24
,, Fat or Lard,—Chu Yau	,,	18
Sheeps' Head and Feet.—Yeung Tau Kerk	set	50
,, Heart,—Yeung Sam	each	8
,, Kidneys,—Yeung Yiu	,,	9
,, Liver,—Yeung Con	lb.	24
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai	,,	22
Suet, Beef,—Sang Ngan Yau	,,	20
,, Mutton,—Sang Yeung Yau	,,	23
Veal.—Ngan Chai Yuk	,,	20
,, Sausages,—Ngau Chai Cheong	,,	20

Poultry.

		cts.
Chicken,—Kai Chai	lb	32
Capons, Large, Small,—Sin Kai	,,	30
Ducks,—Ap	,,	20
Doves,—Pan Kau	each	22
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	per dozen	36
Fowls, Canton,—Kai	lb.	32
,, Hainan,—Hoi Nam Kai	,,	22
Geese,—Ngoi	,,	22
Geese, Wild Shai,—S'ha Yee Ngoi	pair	—
Musk Deer,—Wong Keng	each	—
Hare, Shanghai,—Tu Chai	,,	60
Partridge,—Che Kau	,,	55
Pheasant,—Shan Kai	pair	$1.50
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kup	each	32
,, Hollow,—Hol How Pak Kup	,,	28
Quail,—Um-Chun	,,	12
Rice Birds,—Wo Fa Cheuk	dozen	—
Snipe,—Sa-Choy	each	24
Turkeys' Cock—Phor Kai Kung	,,	65
,, Hen,—,, ,, Na	,,	50
Wild Ducks, Shai,—Shangha Sui-ap	pair	$1.40
Teal,—Sui Ap Chai	,,	50
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shiu Sui Ap	,,	90

Fish

Barbel,—Ka Yu	,,	12
Bream,—Sin Yu	,,	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish,—Hoi Sin Yu	,,	16
Carp,—Li Yu	,,	18
Catfish,—Chik Yu	,,	12
Codfish,—Mun Yu	,,	17
Crabs,—Hai	,,	22
Cuttle Fish,—Muk Yu	,,	14
Dab,—Sa Mang Yu	,,	15
Dace,—Wong Mei Lun	,,	13
Dog Fish—Tit Tu Sa	,,	10
Eels, Congor,—Hai Mann	,,	16
,, Fresh water,—Tam Sin Yu	,,	16
Eels, Yellow,—Wong Sin	,,	24
Frogs,—Tien Kai	,,	32
Garoupa,—Sek Pan	,,	32
Gudgeon,—Pak Kup Yu	,,	12
Herrings,—Tao Pak	,,	18
Halibut,—Cheung Kwan Ky	,,	28
Labrus,—Wong Fa Yu	,,	16
Loach,—Wu Yu	,,	28
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	,,	48
Mackerel,—Chi Yu	,,	22
Monk Fish,—Mong Yu	,,	24
Mullet,—Chai Yu	,,	16
Oysters,—Sang Hoo	,,	22
Parrotfish,—Kai Kung Yu	,,	18
Perch,—Tau Loo	,,	16
Pike,—Fa Paw Poong	,,	9
Plaice,—Pan Yu	,,	18
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Chong	,,	22
Pomfret, White, Pak Chong	,,	24
Prawns,—Ming Ha	,,	48
Ray,—Pei Pa Sa	,,	9
Rock Fish—Sek Kau Yuy	,,	18
Roach—Chu Yu	,,	10
Salmon,—Ma Yau Yu	lb	38
Shark,—Sa Yu	,,	—
Skate,—Pu Yu	,,	10
Shrimps,—Ha	,,	24
Snapper,—Lap Yu	,,	18
Soles,—Tak Sa Yu	,,	18
Tench,—Wan Yu	,,	18
Turbot,—Cho How Yu	,,	22
Turtles, small, fresh water,—Kork Yu	,,	60
White Bait.—Ngan Yo Chai	,,	—

Fruits

		cts.
Almonds,—Hung Yan	lb	26
Apples (California)—Kam San Ping Kho	,,	24
,, (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Khor	,,	—
,, Small,—Hoi Tong	,,	—
,, Custard,—Fan Lai Chi	each	—
Bananas, fragrant, Canton,—San Shing Heung Chiu	lb	3
Bananas, (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu	,,	4
Chesnuts, Chinese,—Poong Lat	,,	10
Carambola,—Yeung Tso	,,	—
Cocoanuts,—Yeh Tse	each	10
Lemons, China—Ning Moong	lb	5
,, America—Kum San Ning Moong	,,	8
Lichees Dried—Lai Ch Small Stone	,,	25
,, Fresh—,, ,,	,,	—
Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong	,,	4
Mango, Manila—Lui Sung Mong	,,	—
Mangosteens,—Jan Chuk Tse	,,	—
Oranges, (Canton)—San Shing Tim Chang	lb	5
Oranges Sweet	,,	7
Pears, (American),—Kam San Shue Li	lb	10
,, (Canton), Cooking.—Sa Li	,,	—
Peanuts,—Fa Sang	,,	10
Persimmons Large,—Hung Chie	,,	6
Pine-apples, 1st quality,—Sheung Poon Li Paw Law	each	8
Pine-apples, 2nd quality—Chung-tang Li-law	,,	—
Plantains,—Tai Chiu	,,	3
Pluma,—Swatow Hung Lai	,,	—
Pumelo, Siam,—Chim Lo Yau	each	10
Shanghai.—Lo Kwat	lb	8
Walnuts,—Hop Tao	,,	12
,, Green,—Sang Hop Tao	,,	—
Water Melon—(Am.) Kum San Sai Kwa	,,	—
,, (China) Sai Kwa	,,	—
Grape.—Sang Po Tai Tse	,,	20

Vegetables &c

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung Hai Ah Chi Cheuk	lb	7
Beans, (French), Macao,—Oh Moon Pin Ta	,,	10
,, (French), Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Pin Tau	,,	10
,, Sprout,—Ah Chot	,,	2
,, Long,—Tau Kok	,,	10
Bean Root,—Hung Chot Tau	each	2
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yuen	,,	6
,, Red,—Hung Kar	,,	6
Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Choy	,,	4
Cabbage Red.—Hung Yea Choy	,,	15
Cabbage, (Shanghai,—Yeh Chot	,,	8
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shun	,,	3
Cauliflower, Large size,—Tai Yek Choi-ta	each	22
,, Medium size,—Cheung Yeh Choi-ta	,,	15
,, Small size,—Sai Yeh Choi Fa	,,	10
Carrots,—Kam Shun	lb	7
Celery, Chinese,—Tong Kan Choi	,,	5
,, English,—Yeung ,, ,,	,,	5
Chilies Dried,—Con Lat Chiu	,,	20
,, Red,—Hung Fa	,,	20
,, Green,—Ching Lat Chiu	,,	20
Curry Stuff English,—Ka Lee Chc Lie	,,	8
Cucumbers.—Ching Kwa	,,	2
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kwa	,,	14
Garlic,—Suen Tau	,,	8
Ginger, young,—Sun Tes Keung	,,	5
,, old.—Lo Keung	,,	5
Horse Radish, S'hai—Lik Kan	,,	20
Indian Corn,—Suk Mai	piece	—
Lettuce,—Yeung Sang Choi	each	1
Water Chesnuts,—Ma Tai	lb.	6
,, Mandarin,—Kwei Lum Ma Tai	,,	6
Mushrooms, Fresh—Sang Cho Kho	,,	—
Musk Melon—(Amr. Kan San Hong Kwa	each	—
Okroes,	lb.	10
Onions, Bombay,—Yeung Chong Tau	,,	8
,, Green,—Sang Chung	,,	4
,, Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Chung Tau	,,	5
Papaw, 1st qual.—Tai Man San Kwa	ear	10
,, 2nd ,, Chung	,,	—
Parsley,—Kun Cho	per b	10
Green Peas,—Ching Tau	,,	14
Potatoe, Sweet,—Fan Shu	,,	2
,, Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Shu Tau	,,	3
,, Japan,—Yut Poon Shu Tsai	,,	3
,, American,—Fa Ki	,,	—
,, Foochow,—Fuk Chau Shu Tsai	,,	2
Pumpkin,—Tong Kwa	,,	—
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	,,	3
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	,,	—
Sage,—(Chi So	bund	10
Shallots,—Con Chung Tau	lb	8
Spinach,—Yin Choi	,,	5
Tomatoes,—Fan Kee	,,	6
Taro,—Wu Tau	,,	3
Turnips, Punti, (Loong),—Low Pak	,,	3
,, English,—Yeung Low Pak	piece	2
Vegetable Marrow,—Chit Kwa	,,	8
,, (Am.)—Kum San Chit Kwa	,,	—
Water Cresses,—Sai Yeung Choi	,,	6
,, Lily roots—Lin Ngau	,,	3
Yams,—Ta Shu	,,	—

The prices necessarily vary from day to day and the Sanitary Board has no power to compel stallholders to sell at the prices marked.

W. BOWEN ROWLANDS,
Secretary, Sanitary Board.

THE FIGHT FOR MANCHURIA.

What is the future of the Manchurian Railway, that great line which, starting from Harbin, runs to Dalny and Port Arthur, and of which the Japanese conquered the larger section, from the sea to Kwang-cheng-tzu, in the war? Will Russia sell her truncated portion to Japan, or to China? Or will she continue to hold it, in the hope of a future recovery of the remainder? China is still in process of disintegration, so she can hardly become a purchaser, even if Japan would permit her, which she would not.

Will finally, Japan buy if Russia sells? Yes. And will Russia sell? Probably.

There is only one danger in the way.

THE TWO FOES DRAWING NEARER.

What are the exact plans of America in Manchuria? In many ways she is going to clash with the Japanese, and there is every indication that there will be considerable friction in the future.

Events are steadily tending towards a rapprochement between Russia and Japan in the Far East. As such a rapprochement can only tend towards the consolidation of the interests in Manchuria which the two countries already possess, to the exclusion of others, it is thought that American protests must be made.

There is indeed in Tokyo a growing suspicion that the United States is opposed to the acquirement of future concessions of Japan in China and Manchuria, and intends sooner or later to act on conviction.

The recent diplomatic incident in America, in which Mr. Crane, the new Minister to Peking, was deprived of his appointment for speaking too plainly about Japan, although he claims to have merely followed instructions, has caused much comment in Tokyo, and not a little suspicion.

Japan is gradually coming to recognise the United States as the leader of the Powers standing for the Open Door in Manchuria. So strong is this suspicion that when Count Ito was recently assassinated it was alleged in Japan that the deed was instigated by American influence. Indeed, this suspicion was not confined to the Japanese, for it was credited by Westerners who know the under-current of American policy.

AMERICA'S OBJECTS.

America's objects in Manchuria are, of course, purely commercial, and they clash, and will clash very soon in a more pronounced way, with the special privileges which both Russia and Japan claim they ought to have as a result of the blood and treasure they have spent in the country.

Meantime, Japan has stated that the terms of the Chino-Japanese agreement regarding Manchuria do not create a mining monopoly along the South Manchurian and Antung-Mukden railways, nor do they exclude Americans from mining there. The secret of this is that the Americans hold very considerable mining and other concessions, in which the large financial houses of New York are greatly interested.

On the whole, opinion in Japan is that if the Japanese are excluded from the United States as an immigration field, it will be very hard to endure interference from America in the matter of a free hand in Manchuria, and therefore the fact that she is being closely watched by the Government at Washington causes some alarm and not a little resentment.—*The Week End.*

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Commander J. DA CUNHA LIMA, to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 30th December, 1909, at 3 P.M., on Board, as she now lies off The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s Docks at Hunghom. The Late Gunboat

RIO LIMA,

Extreme Length.....169 ft. 6 ins.
Length on Water Line.....150 ft. 3 ins.
Extreme Breadth ..... 27 ft. 7 ins.
Displacement .....635 tons.
Draught Forward ..... 10 ft. 0 in.
,, Aft ..... 11 ft. 2 ins

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Boilers—(2) Cylindrical 4 years old, Working Pressure 60 lbs. per square inch.

The Vessel is now open to inspection (Sunday excepted).

Inspecting Orders can be obtained from the Auctioneers.

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For further particulars apply to the Auctioneers.

A Steam Launch will leave Blake Pier at 2.30 p.m. to convey intending purchasers.

HUGHES & HOUGH
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 18, 1909. 1573

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from THE HONOURABLE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 6th January, 1910, at 11 A.M., at The Public Works Department Stores, Wanchai, Praya East,—

SUNDRY
OLD AND CONDEMNED STORES,
Comprising:—

Old Iron Wire, Iron Gratings, a large quantity of S. W. Piping, One Stamp Machine, Old Iron, Steel Rails, Brass Stop Cocks, Old White Metal, &c., &c.

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Hongkong, December 28, 1909. 1610

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Hongkong, June 8, 1909. 751

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HONGKONG—Interest allowed.

On Current Account at the Rate of 2% per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months	4 % per annum
For 6 months	3½ % ,,
For 3 months	3 % ,,

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
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Hongkong, September 13, 1909

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The most POWERFUL DISINFECTANT in the WORLD. Guaranteed 18/20 TIMES more effective than pure Carbolic Acid under GOVERNMENT STANDARD TEST on TYPHOID GERMS. Certificate of strength given to each buyer. NON-POISONOUS and NON-IRRITANT to HUMAN and ANIMAL life NON-CORROSIVE.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, September 1, 1909. 1191

Banks

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS—
Sterling
£1,500,000@2/-=$15,000,000
Silver 15,250,000
$30,250,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS $15,000,000

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
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For 3 months 2½ per cent per annum.
,, 6 ,, 3 ,, ,, —
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J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, November 13, 1902.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 12, 1907. 1517

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000
RESERVE FUND £1,575,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS £1,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts the rate of 2 % per annum on the Daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
,, ,, ,, 6 ,, 3½ %
,, ,, ,, 3 ,, 3 %

WM. DICKSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 6, 1909. 54

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EVAN ORMISTON,
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Hongkong, April 28, 1909. 43

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J. F. VAN REES *Agent.*
Hongkong, October 23, 1909. 16

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PISHUKOFF BOTH.
Hongkong, December 4, 1909. 1

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

3 p.m.—Auction of the *Rio Lima*, on board, at Kowloon Docks, Hunghom.

Meetings.

3 p.m.—Meeting of China Light and Power Co.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of St. George's Club.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—'A Pair of Spectacles,' by Bandmann Comedy Co., at Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.

Friday, December 31:—
Last day of Exhibition of Chinese Literature at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Queen's Rd.

Saturday, January 1:—
Public Holiday.
Banks and Insurance Offices Close.
Supreme Court Xmas Vacation ends.
2.15 p.m.—Childrens' Sports at Kowloon Cricket Club.

Monday, January 3:—
Public Holiday.
Banks and Insurance Offices Close.

Tuesday, January 4:—
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's Cathedral.

Thursday, January 6:—
Entries close for H.K. Football Challenge Shield Competion.
11 a.m.—Auction of Sundry Old and Condemned Stores at P.W.D. Stores, Wanchai, Praya East.

Friday, January 7:—
9 p.m.—Philharmonic Concert.

Tuesday, January 25:—
9 p.m.—Scotch Concert in Theatre Royal.

The China Mail.

Hongkong, Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1909.

THE ETHICS OF DIVORCE.

In the December number of *McClure's Magazine* appears an article from the pen of Mr. George Elliott Howard, Professor of Political Science and Sociology in the University of Nebraska, dealing with the subject of divorce in the United States from an extremely novel point of view. If we read the Professor's arguments aright we find that he is in favour of widely extending the area of the law, for he contends that liberal divorce is a sign of progress, tending to the growing emancipation of the family from the tyranny of the father, while allowing women to enjoy greater benefits and increased freedom of action. He says in the course of his argument:—It should not be forgotten that liberal divorce in Christian lands is the fruit of that phase of the renaissance in thought that we call the Reformation. For in its origin the prevailing modern conception of the form and nature of wedlock, was shaped by the brain of Martin Luther. It was a righteous revolt against the absurdity, cruelty, and wickedness of canon-law theory and practice in matrimonial causes. Luther's famous dictum that marriage is not a sacrament, but a "temporal, worldly thing" which "does not concern the church," led the mind of the western world gradually but surely to sanction civil marriage and its counterpart, civil divorce. It involved, in fact, a new theory of social control, of the function of the State, which ought to be of deep interest to sociologist and political scientist alike. In effect, as interpreted by the ages, this dictum declared—"That since marriage is a 'worldly' thing, a social institution, the State ought to assume sole authority over it; and, if it is deemed best for human happiness, the State ought as a remedy for social evil, to sanction the dissolution of wedlock through absolute divorce."

Each branch of this declaration, says the Professor, has borne fruit. On the one hand, in the western world the extension of the sphere of secular legislation to the whole province—the whole outward or legal province—of marriage is a fact of transcendent value. In this regard the Reformation marks the beginning of a social revolution. The real trend of evolution has not at all times been clearly seen or frankly admitted; but, from the days of Luther, however concealed in theological garb or forced under theological sanctions, however opposed by reactionary dogma, public opinion has more and more decidedly recognized the right of the temporal lawmaker in this field. In the seventeenth century the New England Puritan gave the State, in its assemblies and in its courts, complete jurisdiction in questions of marriage and divorce, to the entire exclusion of the ecclesiastical authority. For nearly three quarters of a century the clergy were forbiddan to solemnize wedlock, while, at the same time, marriages were freely dissolved by the lay magistrate. Definitively, the State seems to have gained control of matrimonial administration.

Mr Howard goes on to contend that according to the Reformation fathers, "just divorce" is sanctioned by God for "amendment in wedlock," as a healing "medicine for the disease of marriage"; and by "just divorce" they meant absolution of the nuptial bond, with the right of taking another spouse. For four centuries this Reformation doctrine of complete divorce as a social medicine has dominated Occidental thought. The New England Puritan and Separatist acted upon it with characteristic thoroughness. Logically they instituted civil divorce as the counterpart of civil marriage. In England the Puritan statute-book was silent; but Puritan thought produced the boldest defense of the liberty of divorce that had yet appeared. According to Milton, divorce is a "law of moral equity," a "pure moral economical law . . . so clear in nature and reasons, that it was left to a man's own arbitrament to be determined between God and his own conscience"; and "the restraint whereof who is not too thick-sighted may see how hurtful and distracting it is to the house, the church, and the commonwealth." Spurning a narrow theological definition of the proper causes of divorce, in the spirit of the modern humanist he exclaims: "What are these two causes [adultery and desertion] to many other, which afflict the state of marriage as bad, and yet find no redress? . . . What hath the soul of man deserved, if it be in the way of salvation, that it should be mortgaged thus?"

Clearly Milton believed that soul-liberty should embrace freedom of divorce. His idealism carried the Reformation doctrine further than his age could follow. Yet more and more that doctrine has determined the course of history. "From Milton and Bucer to Condorcet and Humboldt, from the Code Napoleon to the statesmen who have shaped the laws and molded the the juridical theories of the twentieth century, always and everywhere, the prevailing dictum is that divorce is prescribed as a remedy for a social malady. This is the justification of the divorce policy of the western world. If divorce in itself is a sin, then the laws sanctioned by modern civilization are altogether wicked, and the American lawmaker has sinned more deeply and persistently than any one else."

We are not surprised after reading this apologia to find the Nebraskan professor arguing that America's divorce record—the highest in the world outside Japan—does not indicate low domestic morality. In his view the truth is diametrically the opposite and America is still "the country where the marriage tie is most respected." The increasing statutory grounds for divorce, in his opinion, merely mean that the social ideals are steadily rising, that a better conception of the marriage thought and that a truer knowledge of the relations of parent and child is at last penetrating even among the masses. It may be so, but we cannot imagine that the world will adopt this very free range of thought nor wade with increasing readiness through the unsavoury purlieus of divorce courts in its attempts to lift the social organism to a higher level.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

We are asked to state that the steamer *Childar* arrived safely at Bangkok on Sunday, the 26th December, all well.

A large steamboat will leave Kowloon Police Pier at 8.30 p.m. on Friday to convey guests to the dance on board the Tamar.

The estate of the late Sir Alfred Jones, the big Liverpool merchant, is valued at £750,000, and it is understood that the bulk of it is bequeathed to charities.

Before sailing for England by the Lusitania, Sir Thomas Lipton stated that he would issue a challenge for a race for the America Cup to be sailed in 1911.

"Is he a delicate man?" a witness was asked at Bangor County Court. Witness: "He is the leader of the singing in the chapel, and he could not do that if he was delicate.

Fat Hing and Co., just opposite the *China Mail* Office, are displaying a very fine lot of palms, dwarf plants, ferns, flowers, etc. These are for sale or hire and the prices are moderate.

There were 451 European and 199 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 273 European and 2,423 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending the 26th December, (exclusive of Xmas).

Mr Sydney Pease, frequently in leading roles with the Bandmann Comedy Co. in Hongkong and elsewhere, is stage-managing his own show—the English Comedy Co.,—at the Grand Opera House, Calcutta.

Mr George Salting, a millionaire recluse who has just died, has bequeathed to the nation his art collection. This is one of the greatest bequests ever made, as the collection comprises priceless pictures and objets d'art.

News has reached Java that a big demand has sprung up in Europe for pine apple fibres as a material useful in the textile industry. Fabrics woven with it present a shining appearance even after bleaching and dyeing. The fibre stands almost on the same footing as linen in lastingness, elasticity, and coolness.

The Government of Indo-China intends next year to subsidise a quick and direct steamer service between Haiphong and Hongkong. It is also intended to subsidise afterwards other lines—such as one from Saigon to Manila. Steps will also be taken to improve the service between Saigon and Bangkok. The steamer subsidies granted in Indo-China already exceed half a million of dollars yearly.

Mr Ginnell, according to latest news from home, continued to take a keen personal interest in Chinese affairs right up to the prorogation of Parliament. Among his recent questions was one concerning the proposed working arrangements of the Canton-Kowloon line, British section; while another concerned the Butler Wright case. In both instances Col. Seely had no knowledge to impart.

A most unfortunate circumstance has just occurred in the Colony, a distinguished British naval officer having been violently assaulted by a number of American blue-jackets who were, at the time under the influence of liquor. They upset his rickshaw and turned him out, but were later arrested by a picquet and will be dealt with by the American authorities. Their punishment will likely be extremely heavy for such an offence is most serious.

The Office of Naval Intelligence of the United States has compiled and issued some tables of statistics of the warship tonnage of the world. From one of these it appears that the present total warship tonnage of Great Britain is 1,758,350 tons, and that on the completion of vessels now building it will be 2,005,873 tons. The corresponding figures for Germany are 609,700 tons and 820,692 tons; and for the United States, 682,785 tons and 785,667 tons.

According to a telegram to the Melbourne *Argus*, a gold nugget, which will turn the scale at nearly 500oz. has been picked out of the north intermediate drive of the Woah Hawp Canton Company. The find was an irregularly-formed mass, which is considered to be almost solid. In the previous five working days the company had obtained about 226oz of gold. All this gold had come from a length of about 150ft in the indicator. It is interesting to note that the present company acquired the property at a sheriff's sale for £1,150, the English company who previously held it having failed to meet with any success. In four months' time the present holders have received more money in profit out of the mine than they had put into it in calls during the previous four and a half years.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A ball is to be held at the Club Lusitano on New Year's eve.

The Austro-Hungarian cruiser Kaiserin Elisabeth came in from Saigon this morning.

The English Mail of the 27th November was delivered in London on the 28th December.

If the Budget gets through the Imperial Diet, Japanese official salaries will be raised by 30 per cent next year. Japanese officials are miserably paid at present.

The Imperial Japanese Consulate has been removed from No. 5 Queen's Road Central to No. 2 Connaught Road, next to Messrs Butterfield and Swire.

Mr S. Bisney, of No. 4 Peak Road, has reported to the police that he left on a seat at Bowen Road a rhinoceros horn walking stick, gold mounted, valued at £5.

The property market is looking up in Hongkong. We are informed that prices have improved by about 25 per cent. at recent sales. This shows that confidence is being restored among Chinese investors.

According to the official statistics, the yield of the Japanese barley crop this year is 107,615,000 bushels, which shows an increase of 4 per cent over the crop of last year and 9 per cent over that of an average year.

The recent eruption of Mount Asamayama caused a good deal of damage to the forests in the vicinity, fires raging for the best part of a week. Such a vast explosion of volcanic energy by Asama has been unknown for 226 years.

Mr Henniker Heaton has been asking questions in Parliament regarding the proposed closing of British Postal Agencies in China. He was assured that the matter was still under consideration, but that Hongkong was not in a position to continue bearing the losses of these Agencies.

Dr J. C. Thomson was the recipient on Tuesday of a small token in the shape of a pair of dainty silver flower stands from the members of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. for services he has rendered to the Association. Dr Thomson in a few well chosen words thanked those present for their kind remembrance and expressed the hope that the Association would become a great centre for good in Hongkong.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Rev. A. A. David, the newly-appointed headmaster of Rugby, has become engaged to Miss Eda Miles, eldest daughter of the late Mr T. W. Miles, of Curragh, Co. Kerry.

To-day is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of William Ewart Gladstone, the statesman who filled such a large space in English political controversy during his long life. He died seventeen years ago, but his true position in the history of his country has still to be settled, though all admire his record as a clean-living, high thinking Englishman.

ZOROASTRIAN CLUB.

It is only six months ago that the Zorostrian Club of the Parsee community opened, and now we are pleased to hear the Club is removing this week to the more commodious premises at No. 38 Queen's Road Central. A billiard table will now be provided in addition to other indoor games. Many Parsee merchants of Canton, Shanghai Foochow, Amoy and other ports have willingly put their names down for membership and it is hoped that one and all will maintain their interest in the Club and uphold its name.

REFUSING DUTY.

Frank Downs, master of the s.s. Jutenopolis, charged Robert Franklin and John J. Edwardson, before Commander Basil Taylor, R. N., at the Marine Court, this morning, with wilfully disobeying his lawful commands.

Complainant stated that on the 28th at 7 a.m. the first defendant was ordered to turn to by the mate. He had been off duty for several days from drunkenness. He did not turn to. About 9 a.m. complainant went along to defendant's room and got him on deck, and told him to open up his sail locker. He was then sober. Instead he made to go below again and complainant took him by the shoulder to stop him, whereupon defendant threw down his keys, used abusive language and said he would not work for anyone. Complainant then locked him in his room. About 9 a.m. the same day the second defendant refused to turn to.

He had been at work in the morning from 8 a.m. until 8 a.m. and after breakfast he refused to turn to. Complainant went to see him and he was in his bunk under the influence of liquor. Complainant turned him out and made him go on deck when he worked for about fifteen minutes and then went below again and said he would not work any more.

The first defendant said he was not feeling well enough to turn to but would do so now.

The second defendant—I did not know what I was saying; I was drunk.

The defendants were sentenced to seven days' imprisonment each with hard labour or until the ship sails and ordered to forfeit two days' pay.

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That the weather keeps fine and bright though it is a "wee bit parky" at night.

That fires of an evening are now the rule rather than the exception.

That the clouds threatened to come down on Monday evening.

That it did rain a little for a few minutes.

That some thought it was dew.

That rain is badly wanted.

That all grass plots and lawns are looking very brown.

That Hongkong is daily getting more like a modern European city.

That the hoardings in the town, covered as they are with huge advertisements, are a sign thereof.

That the composition and the spelling of some of these follow a very long way after Dr Johnson.

That our up-to-date buildings struck one of our late American visitors forcibly.

That he got the idea between the Clock Tower and the Post Office.

That it was the artistic little group of matsheds near the Hongkong Club, however, which most took the fancy of another.

That the Cleveland left on Sunday morning and did not stay 10 days, as it was reported she would.

That one visitor, in his innocence paid dollars gold for dollars Mex.

That they carried away a large quantity of counterfeit coin, mostly obtained at Canton.

That most people have had a jolly Xmas.

That many will be glad when the holidays are over.

That there was plenty of Xmas sport this year.

That Xmas feasts and festivities are not conducive to first class play.

That this was plainly shown in the cricket match on the Hongkong Club ground.

That close on fifteen catches were missed on Saturday.

That the shooting at the "socker" match in the afternoon also evidenced Xmas revels.

That the Club's shooting was shocking.

That they should have had three clear goals at least.

That some of players seemed to imagine the net was on the Peak.

That nevertheless it was the best game the Club has played this season.

That the H.K.F.C. and the K.F.C. should amalgamate for the Shield.

That if they don't neither will stand a ghost of a chance of winning.

That Xmas Eve proved a splendid night for a boxing contest.

That the house was packed.

That the entertainment was one of the best ever given in the theatre.

That the bouts were all square.

That the fighting was very clean.

That Garlic put up a good fight.

That he was up against a better man than himself.

That the Lewis-Bellew fixture will be a big draw.

That the fight should be a good one.

That it is to be a 25-3 minute rounds contest.

That it has been arranged to take place on January 23.

That the H.K.V.C. is having a meeting to-morrow to discuss the proposed dance.

That other dances are in the air.

That a dance will be given on board the Tamar on the last day of the year.

That a prosperous New Year awaits all *China Mail* readers is the fervent wish of

DAME RUMOUR.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Further evidence was given in the Moosa case at the Magistracy this morning. It was ultimately again adjourned.

Two Japanese were fined $100 each, in default six weeks' hard labour, at the Magistracy to-day for stowing away on the s.s. Prince Sigesmund.

Thirteen men and a woman were caught gambling in a house at Circular Pathway last night, and at the Magistracy the three principals were fined $50 each and the remainder $3 each.

For selling opium which he falsely represented to be the Opium Farmer's a respectably dressed Chinaman was, at the Magistracy to-day, fined $250, or to undergo three months' imprisonment. Defendant was caught in the act of selling the drug by Chief Inspector Hoggarth.

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THE SITUATION IN EUROPE.

A ROSY OUTLOOK.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

London, December 28.

In the French Chamber of Deputies M. Pichon, the Foreign Minister, made a statement on the country's foreign policy. France and Russia, he said, were never more closely united, and the Anglo-Russian rapprochement was an additional element in the extremely cordial Anglo-French entente. The recent meeting of the Tsar and King Emmanuel sufficiently demonstrated the accord of Russia and Italy. The differences with Germany regarding Morocco had been settled, and both Powers were loyally acting in accordance causing an immediate improvement in the diplomatic situation in Europe. But the Franco-German agreement was restricted to Morocco and did not apply to the Bagdad railway or the Austrian question. Referring to Crete, M. Pichon said a definite settlement cannot be reached now, but all the Powers interested would participate when the time comes.

MR BALFOUR'S HEALTH.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

London, December 28.

The Right Hon. Mr A. J. Balfour has completely recovered.

[Note—We have had no previous news of Mr Balfour being otherwise than in good health, but assume that he must have been laid aside with some slight indisposition.—Ed. *C. M.*]

BRITISH NAVAL SENSATION.

A DRAUGHTSMAN'S ARREST.

Possession of Confidential Plans.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

London, December 28.

The arrest of Mr Knowlden, a draughtsman on the torpedo ship Vernon, has led to the seizure in his house of eighty drawings and plans of the most confidential nature, the possession of which would have revealed to anyone the results of the whole work done in perfecting the system of wireless telegraphy for the British Navy. Five shipbuilding plans were also discovered.

KWANTUNG SALT MONOPOLY.

(*Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.*)

Peking, December 28.

The Board of Finance has telegraphed to the Viceroy of Canton that the Salt Monopoly should be given to the old salt merchants and that new men should not be admitted.

HASTENING CHINA'S PARLIAMENT.

(*Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.*)

Peking, December 28.

Prince Su Hung, Chiu and Yu Long are preparing a memorial suggesting that the National Assembly should be called at once.

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COMPANY MEETING.

Campbell, Moore & Co. Ltd.

The twenty-third ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of Campbell, Moore, and Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's Offices, 14, Des Voeux Road, Central, at noon to-day. Mr F. Ellis presided, and there were present Miss J. Bishop, Messrs V. P. Musso, A. F. Arculli, A. R. Ellis, and C. A. du Roza.

The report was as follows:—The General Manager begs to submit the accompanying Profit and Loss Account for the 18 months ended 30th June 1909 and also balance sheet at 30th June 1909, showing a loss for the period of $7,233.47. This adverse result in the working of the period is attributed to general trade depression in the Colony, and to the drastic measures adopted in writing down the value of the stock. Owing to illness the General Manager was unable to take stock at 31st December, 1908, and, under the circumstances, it was decided to leave this over to the 30th June 1909 at which date the stock was duly taken. The accounts therefore cover a period of 18 months. Mr A. O'D. Gourdin has audited the accounts now presented and offers himself for re-election.

The notice convening the meeting having been read.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, With your permission I will adopt the usual course and consider the report and statement of accounts at present in your hands as read. I regret to have to place before you these accounts showing such a large loss, which, after wiping off your reserve, will still take away another 3,000 odd dollars from your capital. This adverse state of affairs is explained chiefly by the fact that your stock stood at a very large figure, the quantity of the various articles was by the gross, whereas the sales being small the goods had to be carried over from year to year, without any provision being made for depreciation. The time has now arrived when drastic measures have to be taken with reference to the valuation of the stock, which, coupled with the heavy cost of moving from the Hongkong Hotel premises to the present store, cost of alterations which were borne by your company, and a sum amounting to about $800, which had to be written off as bad debts, are also the causes which go to explain the adverse report now before you. The amount to be written off as bad debts cover a period from 1905/1907, for which no provision had been made when the company was earning large profits and paying huge dividends. The value of your stock, which stood at $0,115.91 on the 30th June, I may mention for your information, was arrived at by me with the co-operation of Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews' representative.

Staff.—Your staff is composed at present of better men than in former years, in spite of which I am glad to state that the pay list is less by over $200 a month.

Gentlemen's Saloon.—The saloon, which is second to none in the colony, is giving every satisfaction, as proved by the increasing number of subscribers. The subscriptions are larger by about $100 per month than in the corresponding periods of last year.

Ladies' Saloon:—The orders which arrive and the daily attendance are much greater then in previous years. The saloon is largely patronised, a fact which goes to show that it is also second to none in the colony.

Wigs, Making, etc:—This department has also benefited with the others and orders for wigs, etc., are better than last year. The attendance of the staff during various theatrical performances held during the year gave entire satisfaction.

Gentlemen, I have nothing further to say beyond expressing my firm conviction that the affairs of your company are improving and that when you are next assembled here again I shall be in the position of requesting you to pass a statement of accounts with the balance on the right side. Should there be any questions you would like to ask, I will answer them to the best of my ability.

No questions having been asked, the Chairman proposed and Mr Musso seconded that the accounts be passed.—Carried unanimously.

Mr A. F. Arculli proposed and Mr A. R. Ellis seconded that Mr A. O'D. Gourdin be re-elected auditor.—This was carried.

Mr Arculli—I beg to propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and giving us a more encouraging report than for the last year or two.

Mr Musso—I have much pleasure in seconding.

The Chairman—There is nothing else, gentlemen. I thank you for your kind remarks and attendance.

MASONIC.

Zetland Lodge, No. 525, E. C. Installation.

On Tuesday evening Wor. Bro. J. W. Graham was installed Worshipful Master of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, E.C., the ceremony being impressively performed by Rt. Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough. The following officers were then invested:—Wor. Bro. W. Clement Drew, I. P. M.; Wor. Bro. C. Fittock, jun., S. W.; Bro. Chas. Pryce, J. W.; Bro. F. M. L. Crawford, Chaplain; Wor. Bro. H. Sykes, Treasurer; Wor. Bro. B. B. Harker, Secretary; Bro. A. Morris, S. D.; Bro. H. W. Sayer, J. D.; Bro. J. W. White, Organist; Bro. R. T. Rowan, D. of C.; Bro. J. Lambert, I. G.; Bro. E. M. Hayward and Bro. A. A. Botton, Stewards; Bro. J. Vanstone, Tyler.

After the ceremony the Brethren sat down to a well-served banquet in the course of which the customary toasts were given and duly honoured. In addition to songs by various Brethren, the string band of the Buffs, under Bandmaster C. B. Hewitt, played some very pleasing selections.

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CLAIM FOR GOODS SOLD AND DELIVERED.

Before Mr Justice Gompertz at the Supreme Court this morning To Ling sued Ng Chim to recover $238.46, being the balance of the price of goods sold and delivered. There was also a counter claim for $1,000, $60 having been waived to bring it under summary jurisdiction, being as to $360 for goods belonging to plaintiff and alleged to have been wrongfully converted by the defendant to his own use on October 31, and as to $500 damage for alleged trespass by the defendant on plaintiff's premises on the same date.

Evidence was called and the case was adjourned.

BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Exhibition of Embroidery.

At the Belilios Public School this morning the annual exhibition of work, embroidery, etc., was held, when there was a large attendance. Mr E. A. Irving, Director of Education, presided. The hall was prettily festooned and the work on exhibition was very fine. A lengthy programme of vocal music having been gone through,

The headmaster in his report said the staff had been increased by the appointment of one master, one temporary mistress and one pupil teacher. The normal class had done good work and took a great interest in the theory and practice of teaching.

The total number of pupils on the roll was 521, the maximum attendance being during April when it reached 359. That was the highest number in the history of the school. The average attendance up to December 24 was 327 as compared with 242 the previous year. On account of the increase of numbers the use of an additional class-room for the pupils was granted early in the year, and altogether there were seven class-rooms. The number of new scholars admitted since the summer vacation was 26 as compared with 17 for the previous year, and the present month there were 316 on the roll. The conduct of pupils had been very good while the examination results in the upper and lower classes was also good but the middle classes were a little weak. The two top classes had learned English since June under Mrs Tutcher. A piano was subscribed for by the teachers, pupils and friends of the pupils. The needlework had been done very well during the year and the pupils had completed 300 pieces of silk embroidery which were on exhibition.

Mr E. A. Irving said:—I congratulate the girls on the performance they have given us, as well as on the exhibition of embroidered pictures which we have just inspected. When at a later function in connection with the Belilios Public School His Excellency distributes the prizes, I hope some of these beautiful productions may be on view. Chinese have a well-known and world-wide talent as imitators in art but it is not the highest form of art, and imitation teaching that is purely imitative is not the highest form of artistic education. The most modern teachers of the arts of painting and drawing hold that you should begin by simple studies from the life and not by copying copies of nature. My own children are being taught that way and I was delighted to see with what good results this method was being followed at a sister school to the Belilios Public School, a school that is always at our elbow in the race for efficiency, Miss Davies' Training Home. Turning now to more general topics, I am delighted Mr Sung, at the progress, the—well it is not a word I am very fond of using but I think I may really say the excellent progress—your school has made since I last attended this function three years ago. I feel the result is very largely due to the zeal, the tact and the skill you have shown; but in distributing the credit we must not forget the remarkable eagerness to learn exhibited by your senior girls. At their own request the VI and VII standards have, this year, been permitted to study English for an hour a day in addition to their Chinese studies. So great has been the success of that experiment, so pleased was I with their progress when I inspected the school the other day, that I have decided to recommend the teaching of English as an extra subject in standards IV and V as well. The effect of this scheme, if adopted, will be that Chinese girls entering the Belilios Public School at, say, seven years of age will have a Chinese education for three years. After that they will begin the study of English which they will conduct side by side with their Chinese education until ten or eleven years. Later we shall have them tackling the Oxford Local Junior and Senior examinations with a readiness which will put their brothers on their metal. This is no dream, but a prospect, already opening before us, of an educational summit whither a plain path directly leads. Mr Sung, I congratulate you on your school and I congratulate the girls of the vernacular side of the Belilios Public School on their headmaster and their staff.

COST OF THE ELECTION.

Whatever else the general election may do, it will put at least a million and a half of money into circulation, and that will all be spent at Home.

According to official returns the total cost of the election of 1906 was £1,166,858. That included all the returning officers' charges. But it did not include the expenditure of the multitude of outside political organisations which have sprung into being, all the leagues and associations, and it did not include the expenditure of political enthusiasts who were not recognised as "agents" for any of the candidates.

Nothing is set down, for instance, for the use of carriages, although the expenditure in that direction, even though all the vehicles be private property, and freely lent, is heavy.

An experienced election agent, familiar with the work all over England estimates that the amount of money spent in an election, over and above that incurred by the returning officers, the candidates, and their agents, is about half a million sterling.

Four years ago the authorised expenditure under the various headings for the United Kingdom was:—Agents £196,337; clerks and messengers £129,752; printing, advertising, postage, etc. £418,296; public meetings £30,157; committee rooms £45,837; miscellaneous £71,971; candidates' personal expenses £34,054; return-officers' charges £207,937.

Much of the "outside" expenditure also is on printing and advertising.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be open the whole day, both on the 30th and 31st inst., and on New Year's Day from day-break until 6 p.m. during which the Holy Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar for public adoration. Low masses are to be said from from 5.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. to-morrow and the day after, while on New Year's day the last mass will be at 9.30 a.m. On New Year's eve a solemn *Te Deum* will be sung by the choirs of the sanctuary and of St. Joseph's College, followed by the Benediction. During three days sermons will be preached by the Rev Rector of the Cathedral on Faith, Hope and Charity. A solemn High Pontifical Mass will be celebrated by His Lordship Bishop D. Pozzoni on New Year's Day assisted by the clergy and seminarists at 8 o'clock in the morning. In the evening solemn vespers will commence at 5 p.m. to be followed by a sermon and Benediction and concluding with Adeste fidelis by the choir.

On Friday evening, December 31st, there will be a Watch Night Service in St. John's Cathedral commencing at 11.15 p.m. The Hymns sung will be numbers 135, 238 and 74 and an address will be given by the Bishop of Victoria. For the benefit of those who wish to attend there will be special trams to and from the Peak at 11 p.m. and 12.15 a.m. On the following morning, January 1st, the Festival of the Circumcision, and New year's Day, there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 8 a.m.

ROBBERIES.

A native has reported to the police that while he and his brother-in-law were walking along the road from Laichikok to Soaton yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock they were attacked by two men, one of whom was armed with a knife. The man reporting the affair was thrown to the ground and stabbed near the heart, and from him a bundle was stolen. One arrest has been made.

At precisely the same hour another native was riding a donkey at Pingshan when two others stopped him, pulled him off the animal, took out a dagger and threatened to strike him. The man attacked ran off, and afterwards discovered that he had been relieved of a purse containing $85, as well some medicine.

Early this morning four men wearing soft felt hats, which were pulled down over their faces, entered a cubicle at Yaumati, gagged a woman inmate and tied her up. They then stole a pair of gold ear-rings, other jewellery, money and clothing and then decamped.

HONGKONG ENGINEERS' INSTITUTION.

The New Premises.

The Hongkong Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders has taken a new lease of life and bids fair to become one of the most popular and valuable educational and recreative agencies in the Colony. The membership is daily increasing, so much so that at present there are at least 30 new names on the boards waiting for admission. This happy state of affairs is the more gratifying by reason of the fact that the Institution is just about to be housed in new premises situate on a most commanding and central site. Its existence will therefore soon be emphasised even more than it is at present.

The new premises secured are those on the first floor of King's Buildings formerly occupied by Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. They have been thoroughly renovated and structurally altered so as to adapt themselves to the requirements of such an institution, and the result has been to make the new quarters, which, it is hoped, are to be occupied in the early part of the year, ideal in every respect. Every convenience has been provided for, and, moreover, the situation is such that from the spacious verandahs one of the finest possible views of the harbour can be obtained. The interior alterations have been considerable. The most has been made of the space, new woodwork has been added, and walls and ceilings have been beautifully done out in white and French grey colour-wash. The major portion of the floor space has been given to the billiard room, which will be an exceedingly fine one, giving ample accomodation for the three tables to be installed as well as for others should they be needed. A big partition which formerly existed there has been shifted back, and not only has this given more space but has made it possible to accomodate the bar in a convenient recess. In the same room. The reading room, which is on the right on entering the premises from the lift, is also roomy and should be made most comfortable, while other rooms are set apart for the use of the Secretary (Mr C. E. Libeaud) and the committee. Leading from the bar also there is a snug little lounge room.

As may be expected, it has involved no little expense and trouble to shift into new quarters, but although the bill for additional furniture and fittings has been considerable, it is satisfactory to state that the members have most generously responded to the appeals made to establish a special fund for this outlay, with the result that the ordinary monies of the Institution will not have to be touched. The rent, however, will be greater than is now paid, and it therefore behoves all interested in shipping and engineering in the Colony to see to it that this admirable Institution, founded and run entirely in their interests, shall maintain a lively, vigorous and useful existence.

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"THE BEST PEOPLE."

The Bandmann Comedy Company gave a very good representation of "The Best People" (Frederick Lonsdale) at the Theatre Royal last night. The piece is a society comedy and turns on the misunderstandings of husband and wife, in which two married couples get badly tangled, for the misunderstandings lead the husband of one to make love to the wife of the other, and vice versa.

The strong-minded, sensible woman (the Hon. Mrs Bayle) was very well played by Miss Blanche Forsythe in her customary forceful and dramatic style; while Miss Helen Russell cleverly portrayed the stupid, weak little woman in her interpretation of the part of Lady Emsworth. Mr Henry Dallas' rendering of the character of Lord Wynlas was a finished piece of acting. Mr Charles Vane as Lord Emsworth and Mr E. Spencer Geach as the Hon. Gerald Bayle were very good in their rather trying parts. The minor parts were also well filled and the piece went without a hitch from beginning to end.

To-night "Facing the Music" will be staged.

SPORTING.

English Football.

FIRST DIVISION.

The principal match on Dec. 4, so far as having a bearing on the top of the league table is concerned, was that between Blackburn Rovers and Sheffield Wednesday. The result under ordinary circumstances, being played at Blackburn, should have been a "cert" for the home team, but with three of their best players, including Compton, on the injured list, they had their work cut out to draw with the "Blades," no goals being scored. The match between Liverpool and Newcastle at Liverpool was a most exciting one and what the spectators missed in science the players made up for in goal-scoring. Eleven were scored altogether, the home team securing the points with six to their credit. Chelsea were having a day out at Stamford Bridge and disposed of Bristol City by four goals to one. Quite the keenest contest of the afternoon was that between the "Spurs" and the Arsenal at Plumstead, and a draw of one goal each was a fitting termination. Notts County drew with Aston Villa at Aston, the result, one goal each, reflecting great credit on the visitors, who within the last few weeks have extricated themselves from an unenviable position near the bottom of the table. The chief feature of the matches was that there were five drawn games out of ten played. Results other than these already mentioned were:—Bury 3, Bolton Wanderers 1; Middlesboro 1, Everton 1; Notts Forest 1, Bradford City 1; Sheffield United 5, Preston N.E. 1; Sunderland 3, Manchester United 0.

Blackburn now heads the list with 22 points out of a possible 30, while Liverpool, with the same number of games played, are a point behind. Sheffield United follow close on with 21 points from 16 matches. Bolton Wanderers occupy bottom berth, only having secured 7 points in 18 matches.

SECOND DIVISION.

The meeting at Derby of the two leaders for league honours, Derby County and Glossop, resulted in a well-deserved win for the homesters, but despite the reverse Glossop still heads the list with two points in hand. Fulham captured two points on their visit to Leicester, defeating Fosse by three goals to two, and Hull City at home to Birmingham inflicted a seven-to-nil defeat on their visitors. The remaining results were:—Blackpool 2, West Bromwich Albion 1; Wolverhampton 2, Gainsboro, 0; Oldham 2, Clapton 1; Stockport 4, Bradford 2; Grimsby 3, Leeds City 1; Manchester City 4, Burnley 0.

There is a tight struggle in this division, the record of the four leading teams being:—Glossop, 15 played, 23 points; Derby 15—21; Manchester City 15—20; Leicester Fosse 15—20. Grimsby are wooden spoonists with 6 points out of a possible 30.

Southern League.

Of the four matches played three were won by the home teams, West Ham proving the exception by losing at home to Queens Park by the odd goal of three. Millwall are still on the down grade, going under at Norwich by four goals to one. The other results were:—Crystal Palace 2, Swindon 0; Portsmouth 2, Northampton 0.

Queen's Park lead with 28 points out of 18 games played, the Palace coming next with 27 out of a possible 40. West Ham follow with 24 out of 19 matches, and half a dozen other teams are also in the running. Reading occupy the lowest berth with only 7 points to their credit out of a possible 38.

M. C. C. Cricket Team Selected For South African Tour.

The M.C.C. cricket team to tour South Africa has now been completed and though it is not the very best it has the virtue of youth and newness and may be equal to the combined strength of South Africa. The men who will go out with Leveson-Gower, the Surrey captain are:—F. L. Fane (Essex), G. H. Simpson-Hayward (Worcestershire), Captain E. O. Wynyard (Hampshire), M. C. Bird (Surrey), N. C. Tufnell (Cambridge), Hobbs, (Surrey), Strudwick (Surrey), W. Wooley, (Kent), Thompson (Northamptonshire), Denton (Yorkshire), Blythe (Kent), and Buckenham, (Essex). There is not a single member of the party who is not a good and sometimes really brilliant cricketer.

POPULARITY OF SAVINGS BANKS.

Post Office savings banks appears to be in a flourishing condition. According to a report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, there were, at the beginning of last year, no fewer than 15,406 certified and Post Office savings banks, with 12,536,895 depositors, and total deposits amounting to £245,623,634. On the same date the grand total of the various friendly and building societies, co-operative societies, trade unions, and so on, numbered 50,397, with 33,837,922 members, and £439,233,935 total capital.

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RELIEF CREWS.

Breakdown on the Cruiser Niobe at Malta.

The Times of Ceylon, of December 10, prints the following:—The first-class cruiser Niobe, 11,000 tons, Capt. Guy R. A. Gaunt, arrived in Colombo shortly before noon to-day from Portsmouth. She was originally expected here yesterday morning, but a delay of one day occurred at Malta as the result of a breakdown, a defect being discoverd in the engine-room. The repairs were carried out by the engine-room hands. The Niobe brought the new crew for H.M.S. Kent and the following officers:—Commander E. H. Rymer, Lieut. R. Collins, Eng-Commander E. J. Campbell, Sub-Lieuts. M. N. Williamson Napier and V. N. Heenan, Eng-Lieuts. H. G. Moore, B. C. Bowler, Fleet Surgeon G. Ley, Surgeon J. Glaister, Staff Paymaster V. R. Mathew, Assistant Paymaster B. A. Stinton.

Captain Stuart S. Farquhar, the new captain of the Kent, arrived on Monday by the mail-boat, and visited the Niobe to-day.

The Niobe, which is anchored close to the Kent, will exchange crews on Tuesday next, and leave for Portsmouth on the 18th inst. with the time-expired officers and men of the Kent.

The departure of the Kent for the China station has also been fixed for the 18th inst.

When the Niobe left Portsmouth on November 8, the Terrible and the Minotaur were getting ready to proceed to the East. The former is expected to reach Colombo about the 24th inst. with the new crew for H.M.S. Powerful, while the Minotaur will be here in January on her way to the China station to relieve the King Alfred, the flagship of Vice Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Lambton, K.C.B., K.C.V.O.

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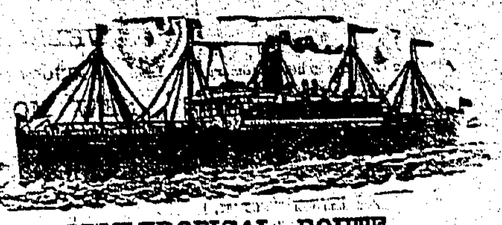
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MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SAMARAI, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	PRINZ SIGISMUND, Capt. D. Lenz.	FRIDAY, 31st Dec., at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	COBLENZ, Capt. H. Raegener.	About SATURDAY, 8th Jan.
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* MANILA	YUENSANG ... FRIDAY,	Dec. 31, at 4 P.M.
* WEI-HAI-WEI, CHEFOO & CHINWANTAO	CHEONGSHING FRIDAY,	Dec. 31, at 4 P.M.
† SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG SUNDAY,	Jan. 2, Daylight.
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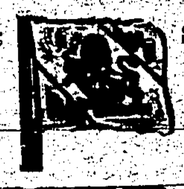
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	KAMO MARU, Capt. H.L. Sommer, Tons 9000	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., Daylight.
	AKI MARU, Capt. K. Sato, Tons 7000	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Feb., at Daylight.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle ('Inaba Maru' leaving Hongkong 8th Jan. due Kobe 13th Jan., connects)	§ AWA MARU, Capt. A. Keith, Tons 6500	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., from YOKOHAMA.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle ('Nikko Maru' leaving Hongkong 19th Jan. due Kobe 25th, & Yokohama 27th Jan., connects)	§ SANUKI MARU, Capt. K. Homma, Tons 6500 (and)	SATURDAY, 22nd Jan., from KOBE.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, Via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 5000	FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon.
	NIKKIO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, Tons 6000	THURSDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	‡ TOTOMI MARU, Capt. S. Smith, Tons 4500	TUESDAY, 4th January.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU, Capt. R. Takeda, Tons 6500	SATURDAY, 8th Jan., at Daylight.
BOMBAY, Via SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO	* TOSA MARU, Capt. Y. Nomura, Tons 6000	TUESDAY, 11th January.
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DELTA 8000	March 5	MALWA.....11000	April 2	April 8
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DEVANHA ...8000	April 2	MONGOLIA ...10000	April 30	May 6
ASSAYE.....7500	April 16	MARMORA ... 10500	May 14	May 20
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HAIYANG ..... Capt. A.E. Hodgins	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 4th Jan., at 10 a.m.

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CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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RUBI	2549	R. W. Almond...	Manila	FRIDAY, Dec. 31, at 5 p.m.
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Hongkong, December 27, 1909. 1603

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th January, 1910 will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th January, 1910, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th January, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, December 28, 1909. 1609

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Co.'s Steamship *E. Franz Ferdinand* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before NOON on the 2nd January, 1910, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 2nd January, 1910, will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, December 27, 1909. 1604

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN & MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship MANCHURIA.

The above mentioned steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Cargo undelivered on MONDAY, the 3rd January, 1910, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown on THURSDAY, Dec., 30th 1909, at 10 A.M.

S. SILVERSTONE,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 25, 1909. 1598

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship CHIYO MARU.

The above-mentioned steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be discharged at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after THURSDAY, December 30th, 1909, at Noon, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All cargo undelivered on MONDAY, January 3rd, 1910, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown on FRIDAY, December 31st, 1909, at 10 A.M.

S. SILVERSTONE,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 27, 1909. 1599

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 21, 1909. 1585

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *SUVERIO.*

FROM SEATTLE, TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be affected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1909. 1600

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before TO-DAY, at 10 P.M., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, and Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 29th December, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 29th December, or they will not be recognized.

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P. THOMAS,
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Hongkong, December 21, 1909. 1593

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7.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m....Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m....Every 15 minutes.
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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m....Every 15 minutes.
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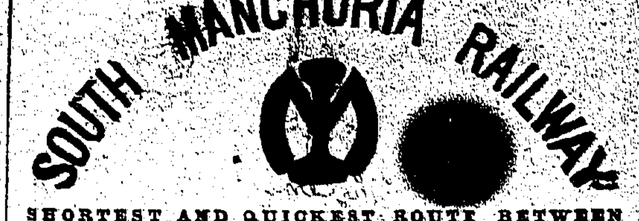
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Mukden .....Ar.	5.08 a.m.	Wednesday	Fri.	Sun.
„ .....Lv.	5.20 a.m.	„	„	„
Dairen .....Ar.	3.00 p.m.	„	„	„
„ (Steamer).....Lv.		„	Sunday.	
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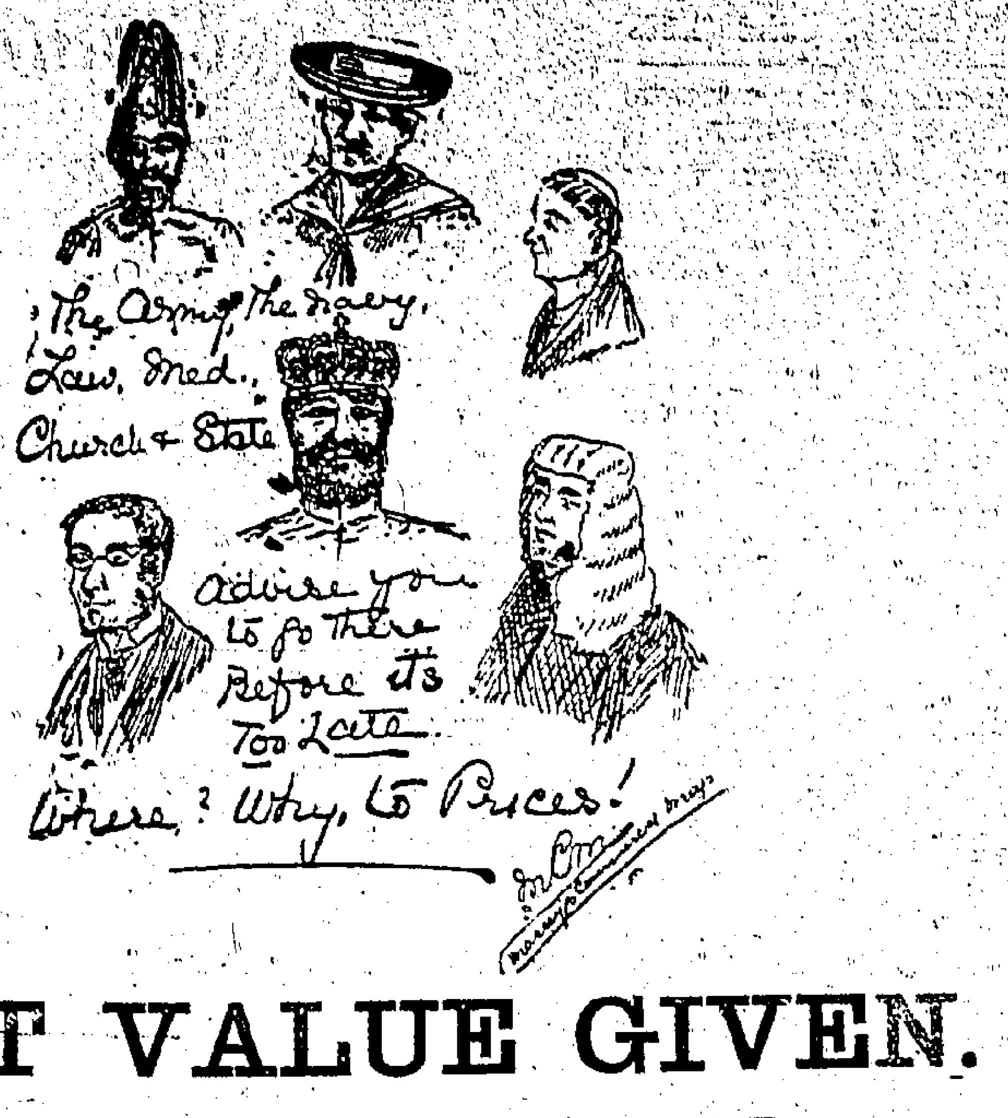
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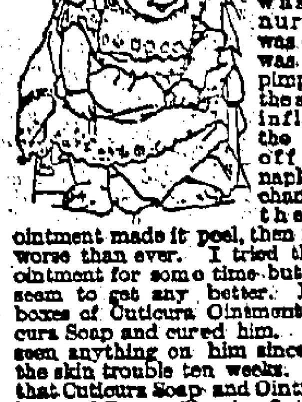
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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

December 28.

Tosa Maru, Japanese steamer, Nasu, Moji Dec. 23, Coal.—CHINESE.

December 29.

Kumsang, British steamer, 2,078, E. J. Bullen, Calcutta, Penang and Singapore Dec. 20, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.

Haitan, British str., 1,183, J. S. Rosch, Swatow December 29, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co., LD.

Anhui, British str., 1,350, J. B. Harris, Shanghai Dec. 26, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Daigi Maru, Japanese steamer, 884, H. Murayama, Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow Dec. 28, Tea and General.—O. S. K.

Nanshan, British steamer, 1,299, Allan Jones, Saigon Dec. 23, Rice.—BRADLEY & Co.

Braemar, British str., 2,315, S. L. Saxby, Foochow Dec. 27, General.—DODWELL & Co., LD.

Fausang, British steamer, 1,410, F. S. Malkin, Probolingo December 19, Sugar.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.

Laertes, British steamer, 1,340, H. C. D. Frampton, Saigon Dec. 23, General.—CHINESE.

Suevia, German steamer, 4,500, Kotzte, Shanghai Dec. 26, General.—HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

Kaiserin Elisabeth, Austro-Hungarian cruiser, 4,000, Oscar Hansa, from Saigon.

Szechuen, British str., from Canton.

Chenan, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 28.

Ajax, for Singapore and London.

December 29.

Lienshing, for Swatow.
Takasaki Maru, for Singapore and Bombay.
Michael Jebsen, for Haiphong.
Kwongsang, for Canton.
Frithjof, for Hoihow.
Shibetoro Maru, for Anping.
Denbighshire, for Singapore and London.
Kiang Ping, for Chinkiang.
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Chunsang, for Samarang.
Yingchow, for Swatow.
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PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

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Per *Haitan*, from Swatow, Messrs G. E. Allen, H. E. Rankin, A. W. Joseland and J. C. Parkin.

Per *Anhui*, from Shanghai, Captain Vaughan, Mr and Mrs Guthrie.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Kumsang* from Singapore reports:—Strong N.E. monsoon with heavy sea. Dec. 31st, spoke British s.s. *Indramayo*, 30' North of Horsburgh, bound from Hongkong for Singapore, towing a lighter she had picked up.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

The following is a list of passengers expected:—

Per *Derfflinger*, due 30th December.—Capt. Francis Le Jan Parker, Dr and Mrs A. H. Strobel, Capt. and Mrs G. Schultzen, Miss G. Krabe, Miss Winn, Mr and Mrs S. J. Payne, Rev. and Mrs A. L. Warnshins, Mr and Mrs P. Ewest, Rev. and Mrs H. E. Adderson, Messrs C. Kaufield, W. Gemperle, Theo. von der Nahmer, O. Schumann, Kuenzle and A. V. Brown, Dr Wendland, Sisters M. Fischer and Herz.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessel.	Agents.	Day of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Eastern	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 2, at Noon.
B'bay, S'pore, Penang	Tosa Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 11.
Chefoo & Weihaiwei	Cheongshing	Jardine, M'son & Co. Ld.	Dec. 31, at 4 p.m.
Coast Ports & Shanghai	Bujun Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 6, Daylight.
Europe, &c.	Goeben	Melchers & Co.	Dec. 29, at Noon.
Kobe & Yokohama	Tango Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 3, Daylight.
London, R'dam, A'dam	Cardiganshire (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co. Ld.	About Jan. 13.
London & A'werp, &c.	Palawan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 30, at 2 p.m.
London, &c.	Delhi (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 8, at Noon.
Mar, B'men & H'burg	Suevia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Dec. 29.
Marseilles, London &c.	Tango Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 5, Daylight.
Manila, A'lian Ports	Yawata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 21, at Noon.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Polynesian (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Jan. 4, at 1 p.m.
Manila	Yuensang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co. Ld.	Jan. 1, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Tean (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 4, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Rubi (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 31, at 5 p.m.
Manila, A'lian Ports	Prinz Sigismund (s)	Melchers & Co.	Dec. 31, Daylight.
N'saki, Kobe & Y'hama	Atsuta Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 14, at Noon.
New York	Braemar (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Dec. 30.
San Francisco v. Japan	Manchuria (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Dec. 31, at Noon.
San Francisco, v. Japan	Chiyo Maru (s)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Jan. 7, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Asia (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Jan. 14, at Noon.
San Francisco v. Japan	Mongolia (s)	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	Jan. 28, at Noon.
S'hai, N'ki, Kobe, Y'ma	Derfflinger (s)	Melchers & Co.	About Dec. 29.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe Y'ma	Sumatra (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 1.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Nera (s)	Messageries Maritimes	About Jan. 3.
S'hai, Kobe & Y'hama	Brasilia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Jan. 5.
S'pore, P'ang & Coutts	Namsang (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co. Ld.	Dec. 31, at Noon.
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Totomi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Jan. 4.
Shanghai	Kingsing (s)	Jardine, M'son & Co. Ld.	Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Anhui (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 2, Daylight.
Shanghai	Dewanha (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 7.
Shanghai	Chenan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.
Swatow	Haimun (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haiyang (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Jan. 4, at 10 a.m.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Haitan (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 30, at 10 a.m.
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsui	Daigi Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.
S'tow, Amoy & Anping	Soshu Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 5, at 8 a.m.
Tacoma, v. Japan	Seattle Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Jan. 21, at Noon.
V'couver, B.C. Tacoma	Suveric (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Jan. 13.
V'couver, B.C. Tacoma	Oceano (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	About Feb. 10.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Jan. 1, at 7 a.m.
Vancouver, (B.C.), &c.	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Jan. 29, at 7 a.m.

SHARE LIST - QUOTATIONS

December 29, 1909.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	120,000	$125	all	$1,010 sales; £91.10
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6; $50	$65, buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$250		$145
China Traders Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$83.33	$25	$92, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 112½
Union Insurance Society, Limited	10,000	$250	$100	$890
Yangtsze Insurance Association Ld.	12,000	$170	$60	$230
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$100	$20	$118, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$250	$50	$370, sellers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	50,000	$50	all	$61½, sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	$25	$25	$11, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ld.	10,000	$6¼	$6¼	$9, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Eng. Co., Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 76
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	50,000	$25	$25	$8, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$50	all	$50
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$15	$15	$32, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Ld.	60,000; 60,000	£5	all	$42½ b'yrs; $20; London, £5.10 buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	10,000; 10,000	$10	$10; $5	$36, buyers; $14½, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,000,000	£1	£1	67/9 buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ld.	8,600	Tls. 60	Tls. 50	Tls. 49
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ld.	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 43
do. Preference.	100,000			Tls. 53
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	25,000	$100	all	$157, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	$100	all	$21
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ld.	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 345
WHARVES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	60,000	$50	all	$81, sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 129
LAND AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$100	$100	$102
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	73,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 120
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	$50	$30	$30, sellers
Wei-hai-wei Land & Building Co.	3,674	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 9
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	150,000	$10	all	$8½, sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$50	$50	$44, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
The Peak Tramways Co., Ltd.	25,000; 60,000	$10	$10	$13½, sellers; $1.30, sellers
MINING.				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	18,000	Fcs. 250	all	$625, buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£1	18/10	$6½, sellers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000; 8,000	$50	$50; $25	$77½, buyers; $45, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (S'hai)	20,000	$25	$25	$20
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	30,000	$10	$10	$7½, sales
Watkins Limited	10,000	$10	$10	$5, sellers
LIGHTING.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£10	all	$210, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 108
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	$10	$10	$20, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	400,000	$10	$10	$7½
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	3,604	£1	12/8	$10, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	[illegible] ordy; [illegible] defre	$10; $10	$4; $10	$12½, sellers; $30
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	60,000	$10	$10	$10½, sellers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	25,000	$7½	$7½	$16½, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$25	all	$180, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Ld.	4,000	$50	$50	$50, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	16,350	£20	£20	Tls. 440
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	67,000	$10	all	$23, sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	125,000	$10	$10	$6½
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 135
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Limited	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 73
Laou Kung Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 110
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co. Ld.	4,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 425
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Limited	200,000	$10	$10	$9½, sellers
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	$12	$12	$12½, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$10	all	$10
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000; 3,000	$7	$7	$3, sellers
South China Morning Post	6,000	$25	$25	$24, buyers
China Light and Power Company	50,000; 50,000	$10	$10; $5	$6, buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	$5	$5	$5, sellers
Wattsmann Limited	3,000	$10	$10	$10, buyers
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Limited	67,500	$10	$10	$9½, buyers
RUBBERS.				
Balgownies	—	—	—	$80, (Sts.)
Pegohs	—	—	—	$22, (Sts.)
Regallas	—	—	—	$25, (Sts.)
Anglo Malays	—	—	—	15/6
Castlefields (fully paid)	—	—	—	53/-
Consolidated Malays	—	—	—	£5.5 buyers
Dimansaras	—	—	—	£4 buyers
Highlands and Lowlands	—	—	—	67/- buyers
Kamunings	—	—	—	3/2 prem.
Kuala-Lumpur	—	—	—	1.15/- sales & buyers
Ledburys	—	—	—	[illegible]
Linggis	—	—	—	25/6 buyers
Sapongs	—	—	—	2/6
Shelfords	—	—	—	30/-
Sungei-Kapars	—	—	—	71/- sellers

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1896	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 % p. annum	Par.

VERNON and SMYTH, Share Brokers.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.

November 30, *Glenearn*.
December 3, *Tranquebar*, *Vorwaerts*,
December 7, *Benvorlich*, *Carnarvonshire*, *Priam*.
December 10, *Indrasamha*.
December 14, *Kutsow*.
December 17, *Atsuta Maru*, *Hyson*, *Pera*.
December 21, *Bencleuch*, *Bloemfontein*, *Nyanza*, *Pathan*, *P. E. Friedrich*, *Segovia*.
December 24, *Kintuck*, *Hitachi Maru*, *Tourane*.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

December 3, *St. George*.
December 7, *Liberia*.
December 17, *Coulsdon*, *Oopack*.
December 24, *Astyanax*, *Belgravia*, *Kleist*, *Wakasa Maru*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

December 28, *Austria*, *Dardanus*.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Mails.

The C. P. R. Co.'s R.M.S. *Empress of China* left Vancouver for Hongkong on Saturday, the 18th Dec., a.m., via the usual ports of call.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Asia* sailed from Yokohama en route to Hongkong on December 27th, and is expected to arrive at this port on January 5th.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s *Korea* arrived at San Francisco on the 26th December.

Vessels Expected.

The New York Line *Wray Castle* left Karatzu on the 25th December, and may be expected to arrive here on 30th Dec.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Sumatra* left Singapore for this port on the 25th Dec., at 3 p.m., and is due here on the 31st Dec., at about 4 p.m.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Tango Maru* (European Line) left Moji for this port via Shanghai on the 27th Dec., and is expected here on the 3rd January.

The s.s. *Arratoon Apcar* from Calcutta, left Singapore on the afternoon of 28th December, and may be expected here on or about the 3rd January, 1910.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Totomi Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 25th Dec., and is expected here on the 3rd January.

The N. D. L. s.s. *Coblenz* left Sydney on Thursday, the 16th Dec., at noon, and be expected here on or about Friday, the 7th January, 1910.

The Danish s.s. *Indien* left Port Said on the 20th Dec., and may be expected here on or about the 17th January.

The Eng Hok Fong S. S. Co.'s steamer *Persia* arrived at Manzanillo, Mexico, on the 15th Dec.; sailed for Hongkong, via Mazatlan and Guaymas, on the 21st inst., and is due here on or about the 24th January, 1910.

The s.s. *Oceano* left Vancouver on 21st Dec. for Hongkong via Japan ports.

The Barber Line s.s. *Saint Patrick* left New York on the 11th Dec. for the Far East.

The s.s. *Knight of Thistle* left Tacoma on the 18th Dec, for Yokohama, Kobe, Moji, Hongkong and Manila.

The Bank Line Ltd.'s s.s. *Kumeric* arrived at Tacoma on the 21st Dec.

Latest Advices.

The H.-A. Linie s.s. *Brasilia* left Bangkok on the 28th Dec., a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 4th Jan.

The H.-A. Linie s.s. *Suevia* left Shanghai on the 26th Dec. a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 29th Dec.

The M. M. Co.'s str. *Nera* with the FRENCH MAIL of the 3rd December, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 28th December, at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 4th January, a.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 30th Oct.

The N. D. L. s.s. *Derfflinger* with the GERMAN MAIL of the 1st December, left Singapore on Saturday, the 25th December, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 30th December, a.m.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. *Linan* leaves Shanghai on the 30th December, and may be expected here on the 2nd Jan.

CANALLINGS

December 28, *Calchas*, *Carmarthenshire*, *Ghazee*, *Lennox*.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 29th at 12.10—The barometer has fallen generally, particularly over China and Japan.

A depression is moving Eastwards to the North of Japan, and probably a second depression is developing over the Yangtze valley.

The high pressure area is now shown over the Pacific to the S.E. of Japan.

Light variable winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and moderate monsoon over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: E. winds, moderate or light; fair.
2.—Formosa Channel: Variable winds, light.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: Same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 29, 1909.

On London—	
Bank Wire	1/9⅛
On demand	1/9$\frac{3}{16}$
30 days' sight	1/9¼
4 months' sight	1/9⅜
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/9$\frac{7}{16}$
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/10$\frac{1}{16}$
On Paris—	
On demand	226½
Credits, 4 months' sight	230½
On Berlin—	
On demand	184
On New York—	
On demand	43⅞
Credit, 60 days' sight	45
On Bombay—	
Wire	133½
On demand	133¾
On Calcutta—	
Wire	133½
On demand	133¾
On Singapore—	
On demand	76⅞
On Manila—	
On demand	88½
On Shanghai—	
On demand	75
30 days' sight, (private paper)	75⅞
On Yokohama—	
On demand	88
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	$57.90
Sovereigns (Banks' buying rate)	$11.10
Silver (per oz.)	24½
Bar Silver in Hongkong	6½% p.
Chinese Copper Cash	1 % p.
Copper Cents	25% dis.
Rate of Native Interest	4 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	7½% dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	7 % dis.

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Hongkong, December 29, 1909. 1611

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Hongkong, December 29, 1909. 1614

CHARGEURS REUNIS.

BY Mutual Agreement between the COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES and the COMPAGNIE DES CHARGEURS REUNIS, the Hongkong Agency of the Chargeurs Reunis will from the 1st January, 1910, be transferred to Messrs P. A. LAPICQUE & Co. (Queen's Building No. 4).

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Hongkong, December 1, 1909. 66

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THE Company's Steamship *Kumsang*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 31st inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 29, 1909. 1615

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN route to EUROPE.

The Siberian mail will in future be sent from Shanghai to Dalny via Chefoo if no steamer is available from Shanghai to Dalny direct.

Mails will Close for:—

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
Per *Haitan*, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

QUANG-CHOW-WAN.
Per *Hoiching*, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

KOBE, YOKOHAMA, TACOMA, VICTORIA, VANCOUVER & SEATTLE.
Per *Antilochus*, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

SINGAPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO.
Per *Palawan*, at 1 p.m., on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

MACAO.—
Per *Sui Tai*, at 1.15 p.m., on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

SHANGHAI.—
Per *Kingsing*, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

SHANGHAI.—
Per *Chenan*, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

SAIGON.—
Per *Derwent*, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

MANILA, YAP, FRIEDRICH WILHELMSHAFEN, RABAUL, HERBERTSHOHE, MATUPI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, PERTH, HOBART, DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND, LAUNCESTON & FREMANTLE.
Per *Prinz Sigismund*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

HOIHOW.
Per *Amigo*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 30th Dec.

PAKHOI.—
Per *Mathilde*, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 31st Dec.

QUANG-CHOW-WAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG.—
Per *Hanoi*, at 10 a.m., on Friday, the 31st Dec.

SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.
Per *Namsang*, at 10 a.m., on Friday, the 31st Dec.

MANILA.
Per *Yuensang*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 31st Dec.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & CHINWANTAU.
Per *Cheongshing*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 31st Dec.

MANILA.—
Per *Zafiro*, at 4 p.m., on Friday, the 31st Dec.

MACAO.
Per *Sui An*, at 7.15 a.m., on Saturday, the 1st January.

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Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m.
Registration at 10 a.m.
Registration, with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 a.m.
Registration, Kowloon P.O., 10 a.m. No late fee.
Letters at 11 a.m.

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Printed Matter and Samples at 5 p.m.
Registration at 5 p.m.
Letters at 6 p.m.

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